

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Works	(2) MEETING DATE 6/9/2015	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Kate Ballantyne, Environmental Division Manager (805) 788-2765	
(4) SUBJECT Submittal of a resolution commending John Farhar upon his retirement after 15 years with the County of San Luis Obispo. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board adopt the attached resolution commending and thanking John Farhar upon his retirement from the County of San Luis Obispo after 15 years of service to the County.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	(9) BUDGETED? N/A
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____ ) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____ )			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A    Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW David E. Grim			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

Reference: 15JUN16-C-21

## County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Works

Kate Ballantyne, Environmental Division Manager

VIA: Wade Horton, Director of Public Works

DATE: 6/9/2015

SUBJECT: Submittal of a resolution commending John Farhar upon his retirement after 15 years with the County of San Luis Obispo. All Districts.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board adopt the attached resolution commending and thanking John Farhar upon his retirement from the County of San Luis Obispo after 15 years of service to the County.

### **DISCUSSION**

John began his public sector career in 1990 as a contract employee in the County Planning and Building Department. That year, the County adopted the Growth Management Ordinance causing a crush of over 3,000 permit applications prior to the ordinance becoming effective. Working for the Planning Department, he helped screen and initiate processing of the complete applications. After his contract, John left for more permanent work as a Senior Planner for Sutter County. After 9 years, when the opportunity arose, John came back to work as a Planner 3 in San Luis Obispo County's Planning Department in 2000. In 2002, John was hired as one of the original members of the newly-formed Environmental Programs Division within the Department of Public Works.

As an Environmental Resource Specialist during his 12 year tenure with Public Works, John has authored many CEQA and NEPA documents; processed dozens of regulatory permit applications; and conducted countless hours of field surveys inventorying the County's flora, fauna, and cultural resources. His deep commitment to conserving and enhancing environmental resources for the benefit of the community is well-known and appreciated by his colleagues.

John was an integral team member on many notable County public infrastructure projects including the Willow Road interchange project, Moonstone Beach Bridge replacement project, Cambria Main Street Bridge replacement project, Las Pilitas Bridge project, and the Vineyard Drive overpass widening project. His career, spanning multiple agencies, culminates in 25 years of public service.

## **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

The Department of Public Works provides public services related to the safe and efficient movement of traffic on the 1,310 miles of County maintained roadways; engineering and surveying review of proposed land development; administration and operation of numerous water and wastewater wholesale and retail facilities, including the Lopez Water Supply, Nacimiento Water Supply, and Los Osos Wastewater projects; long term master water planning; and franchise administration; all for the benefit of County residents either directly or through partnerships with the County's seven incorporated cities and numerous Community Services Districts. The Public Works Department's Vision is to be a valued community partner enhancing the quality of life for our fellow county residents. For 15 years John Farhar has been a key part of that vision.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no financial considerations associated with this action.

## **RESULTS**

The result of your Board's action will provide a much deserved thanks and public acknowledgement of appreciation to John Farhar for his dedicated 15 years of service to the residents of San Luis Obispo County.

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Resolution Commending John Farhar in Recognition of Fifteen Years of service to the Residents of San Luis Obispo County